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and mathematics. During the remainder of the year the powers of principal and superintendent will be concentrated in the hands of one man, who will be held strictly responsible to the board and the people for the success or failure of his work and the conduct of the school.

In regard to the recent "strike," the board has taken a firm stand, having decided, before appointing a new superintendent, that each "striker" stands expelled until formally reinstated by the trustees. There will be a further penalty, the terms to be fixed by the trustees, and to consist of time to be made up after

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the regular hour of dismissal. The superintendent has been ordered to strictly enforce this penalty, which is designed partly as discipline and partly to give the "strikers" a chance to make up work lost by unnecessary absence from class.

If you believe in fair play, take less stock in irresponsible rumors. Much of the trouble in the world arises from misunderstandings, snap judgment and believing any old rumor that started, heaven knows where. A case in point is the exaggerated and varying accounts told about town of the results of the recent mid-year examinations. Permit me to say that the schools (I am speaking now of the upper grades and high school) who make a practice of studying evenings and really trying hard, are not failing. If any of you parents, are to allow your children to be out every evening with no home study, do not blame the teachers if at the end of the year some pupils are not promoted. Look well and see to whom the blame belongs. This warning is not aimed at any one family or any individuals. If the coat does not fit do not put it on; if it does fit by all means put it on and wear it. This much you will agree is reasonable. When a scholar has to recite four or five periods out of seven, he or she has not in high school, at least, time to prepare all the work without some home work.

Here is a change I am in favor of making at once, and my suggestion has been approved by the board and the high school teachers. It is to set the passing mark for the high school at 75 instead of 80. Some will say the new superintendent is starting out already by lowering the standard of work. Let them say so. I maintain that 75 is a more reasonable mark to demand than 80. It is all very well to point with pride to high standards. Without wishing to reflect upon my predecessors, I say set the mark reasonably high, not low enough so one may jump over it nor high enough so they may walk under it. In times past there has been a lack of firmness in the matter of promotions. Set a mark, hold strictly to it and make the scholars earn every inch of their promotions.

Another change is that hereafter the examination marks shall count one-third and daily work two-thirds, which I maintain is a more equitable system than having the mid-year examinations count one-half as against all the daily marks, plus the monthly tests, as was the case last semester.

Space is lacking to go into details but I shall be glad to explain the above matters more fully to any who wishes to ask.

A word in regard to corporal punishment. In general I believe it is in the grades in some cases and within reasonable limits necessary, though by no means a pleasant part of the work. Those who do not agree with the theory kindly ask yourselves what you would do (or what you do do at home) when mere scolding is not needed, kind words have no effect and expelling is too severe for the case in hand? In the high school I feel that should an emergency arise, demanding prompt and decisive action, a teacher is justified in resorting to reasonable corporal punishment. But in any case except an emergency (do not think for a moment I have in mind the particular case that recently led to a trial and that case alone) if the violation of the assault and battery case have, I shall favor expelling. The recent attitude of the trustees and the jury in the assault and battery case have, it would seem, settled the question that in this city a teacher can and must enforce discipline, and if need be, do it with a firm hand. I say

the above not because I expect any such unpleasant emergency to arise, but to tell you frankly that when it comes to a show down I believe in firmness. There has been too little of it in the Tonopah school and there is too little of it in some of the homes. Some scholars meet it as a stranger when they meet it in school.

Let this be understood. Parents, relatives and pupils will one and all be treated with equal consideration in school matters so far as I am concerned. If you have complaints or requests to make, make them first to the superintendent and then if you are treated unjustly it is time to go to the school board or to tell your neighbors, but you should at least first give the one who is to be held responsible a chance. If you come in a businesslike way and courteous manner you will find a man there ready to meet you in the same spirit. But if you come in a spirit of anger and dominating unreasonableness you will find some one who can be quite as firm as yourself. I can stand criticism and heaven knows that teachers with several hundred employers instead of one as most other people have, get quite used to criticism especially if the criticism be just or you believe it is just, but I can not and will not stand abuse. No man dislikes "trouble" more than the new superintendent, but if it has to come he will see it through.

In closing I would say that the schools here have a first class corps of teachers. You are paying a large amount of money in salaries and have every reason to expect your money's worth. There is no reason why you can not, the majority, I

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